

Please amend the several paragraphs bridging page 2, line 4-page 4, line 4 as follows:

~~According to an aspect of the invention, a dispenser for dispensing pulverulent coating material includes an opening through which the pulverulent material is discharged and a conduit through which the pulverulent material is transported from a source. A first section of the conduit adjacent the opening has a generally rectangular cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent material through the first section.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the first section comprises a first expander section.~~

~~Further illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the conduit comprises a first reducer section upstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the first expander section.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the lumen of the first expander section includes a first cross-sectional area at an inlet end thereof and a second cross-sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross-sectional area of the lumen in the first expander section increases uniformly from the first cross-sectional area to the second cross-sectional area.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the first reducer section includes a generally rectangular cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent material through the first reducer section.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the lumen of the first reducer section includes a third cross-sectional area at an inlet end thereof and a fourth cross-sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross-sectional area of the lumen in the first reducer section decreases uniformly from the third cross-sectional area to the fourth cross-sectional area.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the conduit further includes a second reducer section including a lumen, and a second expander section including a lumen.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the second reducer section is provided in a first structural component and the second expander section is provided in a second structural component adapted to be selectively coupled to the first structural component. The apparatus further includes a seal member sealing the selective coupling between the first and second structural components.~~

~~Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the lumen of the second~~

reducer section includes a second cross section at an outlet end thereof, the lumen of the second expander section includes a third cross section at an inlet end thereof, and the lumen of the seal member provides a transition from the second cross section to the third cross section.

According to another aspect of the invention, a dispenser for dispensing pulverulent coating material includes an opening through which the pulverulent material is discharged and a conduit through which the pulverulent material is transported from a source to the opening. The conduit includes a first reducer section and a first expander section. Cross sections through at least one of the first reducer section and first expander section generally transverse to the direction of pulverulent material flow through the at least one of the first reducer section and first expander section are generally rectangular.

Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, cross sections through both the first reducer section and first expander section generally transverse to the direction of pulverulent material flow through the first reducer section and first expander section are generally rectangular.

Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the first reducer section includes a first cross sectional area at an inlet end thereof and a second cross sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross sectional area of the first reducer section decreases uniformly from the first cross sectional area to the second cross sectional area.

Further illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the first expander section includes a third cross sectional area at an inlet end thereof and a fourth cross sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross sectional area of the first expander section increases uniformly from the third cross sectional area to the fourth cross sectional area.

Further illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the apparatus includes a second reducer section having a fifth cross sectional area at an inlet end thereof and a sixth cross sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross sectional area of the second reducer section decreases uniformly from the fifth cross sectional area to the sixth cross sectional area.

Further illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the apparatus includes a second expander section having a seventh cross sectional area at an inlet end thereof and an eighth cross sectional area at an outlet end thereof. The cross sectional area of the second expander section increases uniformly from the seventh cross sectional area to the eighth cross sectional area.

According to an aspect of the invention, a dispenser for dispensing pulverulent coating material includes an opening through which the pulverulent material is discharged and a conduit through which the pulverulent material is transported from a source. The conduit includes a first reducer section, and a first expander section coupled to the first reducer section. The first expander section is downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the first reducer section. The conduit further includes a second reducer section coupled to the first expander section. The second reducer section is downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the first expander section. The conduit further includes a second expander section coupled to the second reducer section. The second expander section is downstream in the flow of pulverulent material from the second reducer section. The second expander section adjacent the opening has a cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent coating material through the second expander section which is generally rectangular.

Illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the second reducer section includes a cross section transverse to the direction of flow of the pulverulent coating material through the second reducer section. The cross section of the second reducer section is also generally rectangular.

Further illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the first reducer section includes a first reducer section inlet end and a first reducer section outlet end. The first expander section includes a first expander section inlet end and a first expander section outlet end. The first reducer section outlet end has a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and the first expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the first expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the first reducer section and first expander section.

Additionally illustratively according to this aspect of the invention, the second reducer section includes a second reducer section inlet end and a second reducer section outlet end. The second expander section includes a second expander section inlet end and a second expander section outlet end. The second reducer section outlet end has a cross-sectional area transverse to a direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and the second expander section that is the same as a cross-sectional area of the second expander section inlet end transverse to the direction of pulverulent coating material flow through the second reducer section and second expander section.